

Central Florida Fruit Production News

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Congratulations to Chuck Allison of Wild Goose Farms!

Chuck was one of the three winners of the state's 2018 [Agricultural-Environmental Leadership Award](#). Florida Commissioner of Agriculture Adam Putnam announced the recipients of this award recognizing environmentally innovative farming techniques. Those of you who attended the Blueberry BMP program earlier this spring got to see first hand how Chuck is using the latest technology to maximize irrigation and fertilizer efficiency.

[Citrus Expo Presentations Now Available](#)

If you missed the Citrus Expo or wanted to get the details from the slide shows, the Citrus Expo presentations now available.

Produce Safety Alliance Grower Training September 17th in Lake Alfred

Fruit and vegetable growers and others interested in learning about produce safety, the Food Safety Modernization Act (FSMA) Produce Safety Rule, Good Agricultural Practices (GAPs), and co-management of natural resources and food safety are encouraged to attend. The PSA Grower Training Course is one way to satisfy the FSMA Produce Safety Rule requirement. [Registration](#). [The same class is offered in Tavares at the Lake County Extension Office on November 7.](#)

Citrus Growers' Workshop - Sept. 25-26

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This day and a half workshop will cover topics in entomology, horticulture, and plant pathology with a unique hands-on learning experience. It will provide opportunities to learn and test pH meters and soil meters, and evaluate tree roots. [Registration.](#)

Citrus CUPS and Blueberry Container Production & Growth Regulators Oct. 9, Tavares

Lake County Extension Office, Tavares, FL. 9 am - noon is blueberry production and 1 - 2 pm is citrus. Come for one or both, and come for lunch. CEUs applied for. Learn about the latest on blueberry growth regulators from Dr. Shinsuke Agehara (UF/IFAS), Craig Campbell (Valent), and Dr. Juanita Popenoe (UF/IFAS). Then Ken Patterson from Island Grove will talk about growing blueberries in containers, Kevin Athern (UF/IFAS) will talk about the costs of container production, and Doug Phillips (UF/IFAS) will talk about an old citrus and new blueberry pest, Citrus Root Weevil, and effects of Hurricane Irma on blueberries. After lunch Dr. Arnold Schumann will tell all about the Citrus Under Protective Screen (CUPS) system and what they have learned about this unique way to deal with HLB. [Registration.](#)

Farm Safety Day Oct. 31, Tavares

Send the workers for annual WPS worker and handler training in Spanish or English, and on-the-job farm safety topics of Decontamination, Natural Hazards on the farm, Agricultural Crimes, Tractor Safety, Farm worker school programs, Hydration Drink Myths and lunch. Certificates of attendance suitable for insurance purposes provided. [Registration.](#)



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